

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 15-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8 are amended, and claims 21-25 are added. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification at least on page 3, lines 17-21, on page 18, lines 2-14, and in Figs. 7 and 10. Support for the added claims is provided in the specification from page 17, line 5 - page 18, line 18, and in Fig. 10. No new matter is added. Claims 4, 13 and 14 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in these claims. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Augustine in the November 20, 2007 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action objects to claim 8 based on the assertion that the term "computer-reasonable recording medium" is not disclosed in the specification. Applicants traverse the objection to claim 8. As agreed during the personal interview, Applicants amend the specification to overcome the rejection. Support for the amendment to the specification is provided at least in the claims. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 8 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 7,149,974 B2 to Girgensohn et al. (hereinafter "Girgensohn"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, Girgensohn fails to disclose an image processing system having a designation section for accepting, during the reproduction of video data, an instruction from a user to designate one of the plural pieces of still picture data displayed on a screen, as recited in independent claim 1. As additionally agreed during the personal interview, Girgensohn also fails to disclose an image processing system having a

correlation section that, upon an instruction entered by a user during reproduction of a video data, correlates a designated one of a plural pieces of still picture data with a reproduction time position in the video data, as recited in claim 1.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Gurgensohn can not reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combination of all of the features positively recited in independent claim 1. Independent claims 2, 5, 6 and 8 are also neither taught, nor would they have been suggested, by Girgensohn for at least their inclusion of features similar to those positively recited in independent claim 1. Further, claims 3, 7, 9-12 and 15-20 are also neither taught, nor would they have been suggested, by Girgensohn for at least the respective dependence of these claims directly or indirectly on allowable base claims, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-12 and 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Girgensohn are respectfully requested.

Added claims 21-25 are also neither taught, nor would they have been suggested, by Girgensohn for at least the respective dependence of these claims directly on an allowable base claim, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3, 5-12 and 15-25 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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